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Louisburg, N.C., August 8, 1889.

Mr. J. W. Powell,

Smithsonian Institute, Washington.

Dear Sir:

There is not very far from this place across the run of a stream the vertebrae of some pre-historic reptile or mammal. It shows on either side in the banks of the stream and continues on either side into the banks, how far cannot be told. It is in good condition and from one end in one bank (exposed) to the other exposed end in the other bank is at least 40 or 50 feet. Such matters as this I suppose do not come in your department but you can refer the matter to the proper one. If the Institution wishes to obtain this it will give me pleasure to superintend the removing of it. I would be glad to correspond with the proper officers in regard to the matter.

Respectfully,

Thos. B. Wilder.

Leuglodon in N. Carolina

August 8, 1889.

Ans. Feb 25. 90.